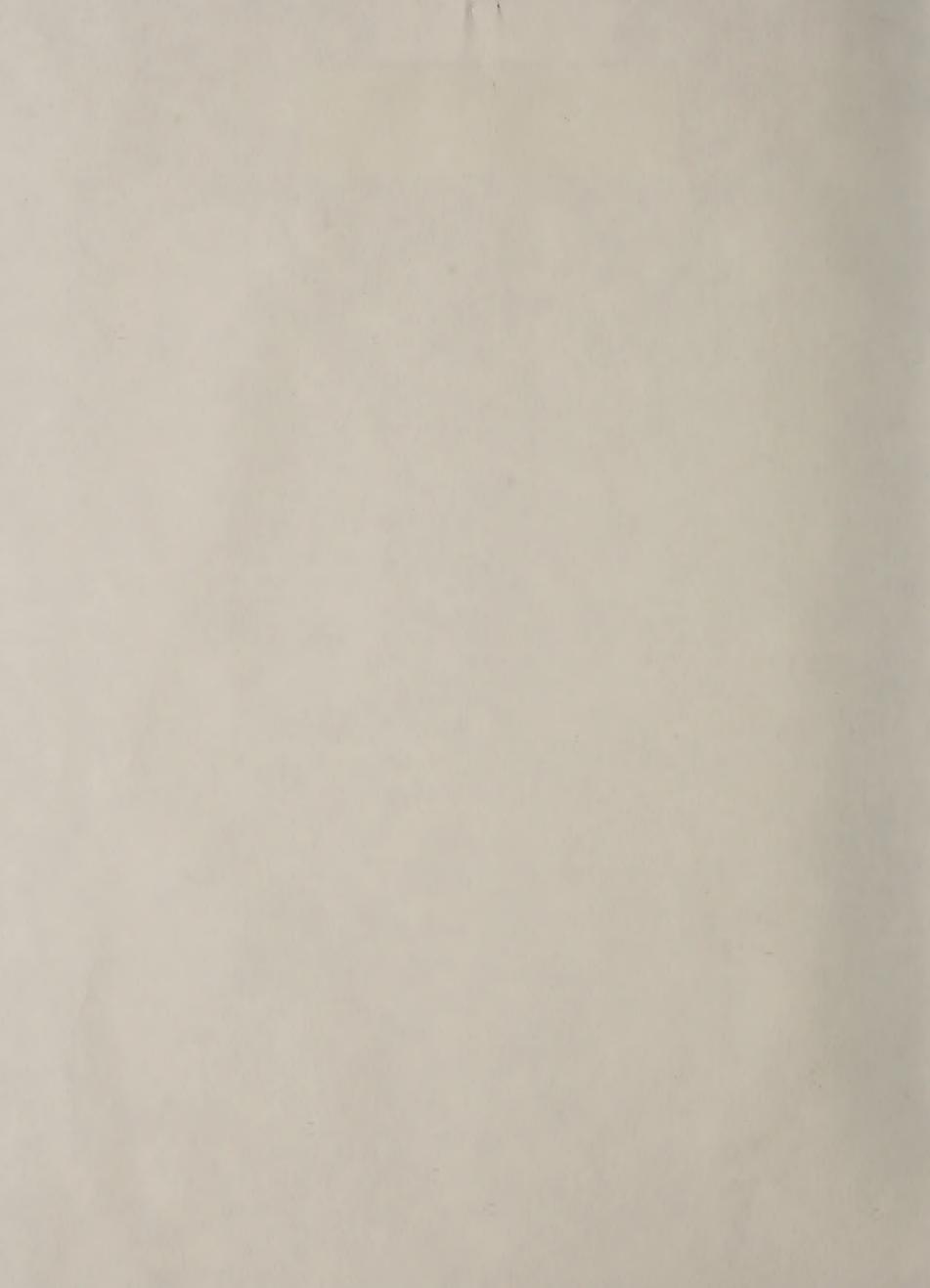






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The first of these early settlers, Isaac Page, was a native of Branford, New Haven County. He was born June 29, 1748, a son of Samuel and Mary (Rose) Page. On August 8, 1770, he married Sarah Bradley of East Haven, Connecticut, a daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Russell) Bradley.

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According to the first census of the United States taken in 1790, Isaac Page was then a resident of Chemung Town, Montgomery County, New York. His family consisted of 3 free white males of 16 years and upward, 2 free white males under 16 years and 1 free white female.

Broome County was at the time a part of Montgomery County and its inhabitants seem to have been reported with those of Chemung Town.

An examination of the records in the genealogy department of the Connecticut State library at Hartford and in the clerk's office of the town of Branford reveal no information relative to the children of Isaac Page. Neither does his will which was recorded in Broome County Surrogate's office December 31, 1817. Rhoda Chappell is the only distributee named in the will and her relationship, if any, is not given.

From records of conveyances in the clerk's office of Broome County it appears that the name of one of the sons of Isaac Page was Isaac. Isaac Page and Isaac Page junior are named as grantors in a deed dated March 5, 1800, and recorded in Book B of deeds at page 253. The property conveyed is described as containing 102 acres and 32 rods of land, is located about a mile below Whitney Point. The names of two of the other sons were probably Samuel and William.

A deed from Samuel Page, described as being of Scioto County, Ohio, to William Page, dated July 16, 1813, and recorded in Broome County Clerk's office conveyed a one-half interest in property in the town of Fenton "deeded by John Rutherford to me and William Page."

Neither the Samuel nor William was a member of any other Page family known to have been in this locality at the time. In 1817 Samuel Page

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purchased a farm in Porter township, Delaware County, Ohio, and about two years later he sold the property to his brother William who had immigrated to Porter township from Broome County, New York. Samuel then settled on a farm farther north where in 1837 his son Marcus plated the village of Pagetown.

#### ISAAC PAGE JUNIOR

The date of the settlement of Isaac Page junior in Broome County is also unknown. It is quite safe, however, to infer that he came with his father. The records in Broome County Clerk's office disclose that he owned properties in the towns of Fenton and Chenango. He moved to Coventry, Chenango County in 1832 and in 1835 took up his home in the township of Bennington, Morrow County, Ohio, then part of Delaware County, where he passed the remainder of his life. He died in July, 1942, at the age of 68 years, and was buried in Fargo cemetery near Marengo.

Isaac Page junior was twice married. His first wife was
Betsy (or Irena) Page, believed to have been a daughter of Asa and
Eunice Page. After her death he married Polly Bennett who survived
him. Children by his first wife were Tyrus, John, Betsy, Isaac,
Harmon and Alva, and by his second wife, Lewis, Samuel B., Charles W.,
William E., Irena, James H., and Solon. Tyrus his eldest son was
born March 20, 1794, and died August 20, 1881. He was buried in Glen
Castle cemetery, town of Chenango, Broome County.

Isaac Page junior was an industrious and prosperous farmer and an ardent and faithful Methodist. He set, for those who knew him, a stalwart example of deep Christian life which expressed itself in

gallant service to Christ in the Church and in his home community.

Beginning in 1816 Methodist services were for a time ministered in Broome County by circuit preachers. It is stated in Chaffee's History of Wyoming Conference that the first of these services was conducted "at Isaac Page's five miles above Chenango Point." He was chosen in 1819 as one of the trustees of the First Methodist Church in the Towns of Union and Chenango. In 1821 the name was changed to the First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Binghamton and he was elected a member of the new board of trustees. In 1923 the body was rechristened the Society of the Methodist Church in Binghamton and he was again chosen as one of the trustees.

#### ASA PAGE

Asa Page, a native of Wallingford, New Haven County, came to Broome County about 1792 and settled in the vicinity of Whitney Point. He was born December 21, 1735, a son of Timothy and Thankful (Doolittle) Page. On May 7, 1759, he married Eunice Page of Branford, a sister of Isaac Page. Their children were Solomon, Calvin and Luther, each of whom died at an early age; Asa 2d born at Branford August 15, 1761, who married Hannah L. F aulkner; John born at Litchfield in 1773, who married Rachel Perrin; Polly, who married Peter Wright; and Eunice, who was born at Branford October 2, 1764. It is presumed that there was another daughter named Betsy (or Irena) who married Isaac Page junior.

At the time the first census was taken in 1790, Asa Page resided in Litchfield, Connecticut. His family consisted of 3 free white males under 16 years and 3 white females. Asa Page 2d was also listed with the inhabitants of Litchfield. He had in his family 1 free white male under 16 years and 3 free white females.

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From the records of conveyances of real property it appears that Asa Page resided in Branford for about ten years after his marriage and then moved to the town of Litchfield. The last conveyance made by him before he left Connecticut was to his son Asa Page 2d in 1783.

#### ASA PAGE 2d and JOHN PAGE

Asa Page 2d and John Page came from Connecticut to Broome County with their father. The children of Asa 2d and Hannah (Faulkner) Page were Rufus, Lewis, Sherman, Lucy, Anna, and Clara. Rufus, the eldest son, was born in 1788. The children of John and Rachel (Perrin) Page were Laura, Sally, Solomon, Irena, Calvin, Elmira, Luther, Rhoda, Asa, Lavinia, and John Orin, all of whom reached maturity. The five sons settled near their father and together owned nearly a thousand acres of land.

Page brook which empties into the Otselic river about a mile above Whitney Point took its name from some of the Page families mentioned who settled in early days along its bank.

#### JARED PAGE

Jared Page, also a native of Wallingford, settled in the town of Fenton about 1798. He was born January 19, 1756, a son of Timothy and Johanna (Merwin) Page. He served in Captain Bunnell's Company of Wallingford which was raised June, 1776, to reinforce Washington's army at New York.

On November 26, 1778, Jared Page married Lydia Bristol.
their children were Sherman, born May9, 1779; Betsey, born December
14, 1780; Jared, born October 29, 1782; Luman, born September 4, 1784;

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Nancy, born September 18. 1786; Rufus and Ransom, twins, born March 8. 1789; Charlotte, born March 9, 1798; and Julius born in 1799.

Other children were Henry, Marcus and William A. A child of Jared was buried January 17, 1794. (Parson Foote's Cheshire records).

According to the first Federal census Jared Page was then a resident of Cheshire, a town adjoining Wallingford, and his family consisted on 1 free white male of 16 years and upward, 5 white free males under 16, and 3 white females.

Sherman Page began his career as a lawyer. He took up the practice of his profession in Unadilla, Otsego County, became County Judge and served two terms as a member of Congress. Henry Page was also a lawyer. He located in Laurens, Otsego County. Julius became a merchant in Binghamton and was chosen treasurer of the village at the first meeting of the trustees after its incorporation in 1834. Jared Page Junior married Polly Sprague, daughter of Silas and Mary (or Polly) Leonard Sprague, and moved to a farm which he purchased, located or Page Brook in the town of Greene, Chenango County, where he died July 31, 1870. Rufus Page married Nancy Eggleston and moved to a farm which he purchased in the town of Triangle, Broome County, where he died in 1851. Marcus Page moved to Chenango Forks, Broome County where he took up the machinest trade. Nancy Page married a Theyer, a cabinet-maker at Cooperstown, Otsego County, and William A. Page moved to Battle Creek, Michigan. But little information is available concerning the other children of Jared and Lydia (Bristol) Page.

Page brook which flows southwesterly across the central part

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of the town of Fenton into the Chenango River took its name from Isaac and Jared Page.

Samuel, the father of Isaac Page, and Timothy, the father of Asa Page, were sons of Samuel and Mindwell Page, and both were born at Branford, Connecticut. Timothy, the father of Jared Page, was a son of Timothy and Thankful (Doolittle) Page, who also were the parents of Asa Page.

While much more could be said regarding the families mentioned if the data could be obtained it is hoped that the information herein contained will prove helpful to future generations who my be interested in tracing their ancestry.

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